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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1866.

TENNESSEE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Wealth it will Open Up—Important and Interesting Facts.

Editors of the Union and Dispatch.

I have read with much interest and

attention, the various articles recently published by Professor DeBow, arguing the

constructing of the Tennessee and Pacific

Railroad. In those publications, there

are presented, in highly condensed form,

a vast amount of valuable information,

certainly enough to have awakened a lively

interest and to have secured liberal subscrip-

tions among the people of this State, and

especially to Middle Tennessee—it may

be presumed for another advance to

appear for the number of Professor De-

Bow, appear to have been really calculated

to present every point prominently,

every interest plain, and the prospect

remains admirably and encouragingly

being in possession of some interesting

facts furnished by a recent geological

exploration made by our worthy friend, J.

Safford, late State Geologist, I deem it

proper to present to the public through your

widely circulated paper, because they tally

well with those furnished by Prof. De-

Bow, and relate to territory through

which the contemplated road should pass,

and because the description of this local-

ity suitably described, and the fact that

the road will pass through the Cumberland

mountain, and near to these highland

trails of the land, is a body of about 20,

000 acres, belonging chiefly to a gentleman

of Manchester, Tenn. In this tract, and

Cumberland counties, south and east of the

old Walton road, its western boundary about

ten miles out of the city.

The Walton road crosses a broad flat

arm of the Cumberland mountain, and

divides the waters of the Cay Fork, from

those of the Cay Fork, from the south

of the Cay Fork, from the south of the

old Walton road, its western boundary about

ten miles out of the city.

The flat top of the Cumberland mountain,

or rather table-land, is not far from

2000 feet above the sea. It is well watered,

and gently rolling surface. To the east

there is a second level which must be re-

garded as a ridge, rising up to the

surface. Upon this ridge, the

valley of the Cay Fork, from the south

of the Cay Fork, from the south of the

old Walton road, its western boundary about

ten miles out of the city.

As you approach the limits of the moun-

tain its flat top, generally level, and

deeply into the deep valleys or gorges.

The edge of the mountain is almost

always defined by a great escarpment

or sandstone, which overhangs the

steep slope of the valley below.

These lands are valuable for the coal

and iron ore they contain, as well as for

their timber and agricultural capacity.

STONE COAL.

The geological examination shows that

the structure of the mountain is

very simple. It is a broad, flat, and

level surface, and is everywhere

covered by a layer of sandstone, and

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